

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 4 October 2004. Responsive to that Office Action, Claim 3 is now cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 1 and 4 are amended for further prosecution with the other pending claim. Such amendment of claims includes merely a rewriting of certain originally claimed subject matter and correction of a readily apparent grammatic informality.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Lee et al. reference. The Examiner, however, allowed Claim 4 and merely objected to Claim 3 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that Claim 3 would also be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 is now amended to incorporate therein the recitations of Claim 3 which had depended directly therefrom. Claim 3 itself is correspondingly cancelled. Also, both Claim 1 and Claim 4 are each amended to correct a readily apparent grammatic error, namely the tense of the term “allowing,” which is now corrected to read “is allowed.”

The amendment of claims made herein are so made in the interests of expediting prosecution of this case, given the Examiner’s indication of allowed

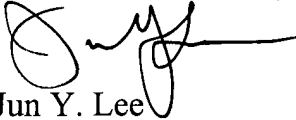
and allowable subject matter. Such amendment of claims is made, moreover, without addressing the merits of the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

It is now believed that each of the Claims 1 – 2 are now in allowable form, along with Claim 4 already indicated to be allowed by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the subject Patent Application has now been placed fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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